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SUBJECT: FRANCE'S EC ENERGY PROPOSAL

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SOME SPECIFICS HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE ON FRANCE'S NEW PRO-
POSAL TO ITS EC PARTNERS FOR ENERGY COOPERATION.

THE FRENCH WANT A NEW BODY FORMED--THE EUROPEAN ENERGY AGENCY--THAT WOULD BE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS BUT "UNDER THE DIRECTION OF" THE EC COUNCIL. A FRENCH OFFICIAL HAS SAID THIS WOULD OVERCOME THE "POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES" OF DECISION MAKING WITHIN
4 REGULAR EC BODIES. IT WOULD, OF COURSE, VIRTUALLY NEUTRALIZE
3 THE ROLE OF THE EC COMMISSION--WHICH, IN GENERAL, HAS HAD A
2 LIBERAL ATTITUDE ON ENERGY AND BEEN ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE WITH
1 THE US.

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--THE PROPOSED AGENCY WOULD BE THE ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NINE IN ENERGY DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-EC COUNRTRIES.

--IT WOULD DEVELOP POLICIES ON CONSUMPTION CONTROL, SUBSIDIES, SUBCONTRACTING, AND WOULD EVENTUALLY MANAGE DIRECTLY ENERGY RESOURCES.

--THE AGENCY WOULD BE FINANCED BY A COMMON EC TAX ON ENERGY SOURCES.

--PARIS HAS SUGGESTED DEVELOPING THE AGENCY IN THE AREAS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION, MARKET ORGANIZATION, AND CONCESSIONS. PRIORITY RESEARCH WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS COAL GASIFICATION, NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND DIRECT EXPLOITATION (PRESUMABLY OF EUROPEAN OIL SOURCES).

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